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## U.S. Snub Angers Dr. Jagan

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The fiery and controversial Dr. Chedi Jagan, former premier of British Guiana flew into Montreal yesterday, quivering with hostility towards the United States.

It appeared that the U.S. government, which Dr. Jagan had frequently denounced for interfering in his country's affairs



DR. CHEDDI JAGAN

had compounded matters, by refusing him a visa.

Dr. Chedi Jagan, former Official Opposition in British Guiana, said that he had planned to visit not only Canada but the U.S. as well. However, shortly before his departure he was informed that his diplomatic visa had lapsed. He applied for a transit visa in order to fly via New York but this was refused. Instead he had to travel via Bermuda.

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"This is crazy," Dr. Jagan commented bitterly.

He said that in the past the Central Intelligence Agency had often tried to foment disturbances in his country in order to get him out of office.

Asked whether the Cuban Communists had attempted any subversion in British Guiana, Dr. Jagan said: "No, not really, the subversion if anything came from the United States."

He said that the U.S. is four-square behind reactionary elements in South America and frowns on anything which tends to lean towards the left, like his own party.

In this manner, he added, they prevent social progress and only encourage the growth of Communism.

In a press release which Dr. Jagan handed out at the airport he asked that the leases on American naval and air bases (at present deactivated) should be entirely terminated when British Guiana becomes independent "as experience has shown that foreign bases in independent sovereign countries are always a source of subversion and sabotage of national sovereignty."

Dr. Jagan's wife is American-born and used to be a minister in his cabinet. Little less than a year ago Dr. Jagan emerged without an absolute majority in a general election and his political foes combined in order to form a government. Dr. Jagan refused to resign and was only removed after the colony's constitution had been altered by Britain.

### Extremely Charming

Dr. Jagan's personal appearance belies his fiery temper. He is extremely charming and friendly in conversation and his eyes only light up with intensity when a political issue crops up.

He denounced the present government of his country for maintaining a state of emergency and for detaining political prisoners. He said that his party, the People's Progressive Party will send no representatives to the independence conference in London, scheduled for early next month, unless this is corrected.

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